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Digital Literacy

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of institutes / labs functioning in the country for digital literacy as on date, State-wise; and
(b) whether any survey has been conducted to be shared with companies investing in startup projects to propagate digital literacy and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bihar?

Answer

(a): The Government has implemented two digital literacy schemes viz. National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) and Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan (DISHA). The implementing agency for these schemes is CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC-SPV). The State-wise details of the NDLM / DISHA training centres affiliated with CSC SPV under the above schemes are at Annexure.

Recently, the Government has approved a new scheme titled "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)" with an objective to make six crore households digitally literate in rural areas, across States/UTs, reaching to around 40% of rural households by covering one member from every eligible household.

(b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has published the 71st Round Survey Report titled 'Social Consumption - Education Survey 2014', which inter-alia covers IT Literacy. As per this report, the proportion of households in the Country having computer was around 14% (only 6% of rural households and 29% of urban households possessed computer). Among people in the age group of 14-29 years in rural India, only 18% were able to operate a computer. Similarly, in the age group of 30-45 years, the percentage dropped further to 4%. In the age group of 46-60 years, the percentage was just more than 1%. This highlighted that more than 15 crore rural households (@ 94% of 16.85 crore households) did not have computers and a significant number of these households were likely to be digitally illiterate. Further, as per this Report, in the State of Bihar, the proportion (per 1000) of households having computer was reported as 42 (rural+urban).

In addition, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) publishes reports on monthly basis indicating the data relating to telephone subscribers (wireless/wireline) and broadband subscribers. As per TRAI's report dated 17.2.2017, there were a total of 115.17 crore (approx.) telephone subscribers in the country as on 31.12.2016 (wireless - 112.73 crore and wireline - 2.44 crore). Out of this, there are 8.22 crore wireless and 3.18 lakh wire line subscribers in Bihar. Further, there were 23.61 crore total number of broadband subscribers across the country as on 31.12.2016.

Annexure

State-wise details of training centres affiliated with CSC- SPV under the NDLM / DISHA Schemes

State Total

1 Jharkhand 3605

2 Nagaland 189

3 Assam 1797

4 Mizoram 92

5 Maharashtra 8424

6 Chhattisgarh 3233

7 Bihar 9181

8 Manipur 479

9 Goa 79

10 Gujarat 6302

11 Arunachal Pradesh 115

12 Madhya Pradesh 7135

13 Meghalaya 65

14 Haryana 3654

15 Uttar Pradesh 19443

16 West Bengal 6515

17 Tamil Nadu 3100
18 Uttarakhand 2133
19 Karnataka 3209
20 Rajasthan 7123
21 Himachal Pradesh 2007
22 Odisha 3358
23 Chandigarh 234
24 Tripura 362
25 Punjab 2489
26 Andaman & Nicobar 10
27 Andhra Pradesh 2925
28 Dadra & Nagar Haveli 1
29 Daman & Diu 4
30 Jammu & Kashmir 1076
31 Kerala 1188
32 Lakshadweep 1
33 Delhi 1636
34 Puducherry 75
35 Sikkim 170
36 Telangana 2440
Total: 103849
